

Results of dose control and measurement plans applied for SPEAR3 commissioning year (FY04)

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Abstract

Dose control and measurement plans for the SPEAR3 Booster and storage ring have taken place during the SPEAR3 commissioning. The initial commissioning period (SPEAR3 start-up) covered the time period from the beginning of November 2003 to the early part of March 2004. The period from the beginning of March to the beginning of August 2004 has been mostly dedicated to the scientific program. The initial commissioning period was characterized with frequent injection and significantly higher losses. In comparison, the scientific program period was characterized with more stable beam operation with limited number of injections per day and lower beam losses. Three types of dose measurements, passive, active and special measurements, were implemented around the SPEAR3 Booster and storage ring. Based on the expected radiation hazards, several dose control measures were adopted at several stages of the commissioning. In the early stages of commissioning, areas within 4.5 m from the walls of the Booster and storage ring were designated as Radiation Areas (RA). Areas outside RA were classified as Radiologically Controlled Area (RCA). Access to these areas required less training than the radiation areas. A monthly review of the accelerator operation conditions and radiation measurement results were used to determine the changes needed for the RA classification status and associated dose control measures.

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1. Introduction

The dose control requirements established at the beginning of the commissioning period (James Liu et al., 2003) were reexamined several times based on the progress achieved with SPEAR3 operation and improved results of the dose measurements. By the beginning of March 2004, the Radiation Areas (RA) within 4.5 m from the walls of the storage ring as well as B130 were reduced to Radiologically Controlled Area (RCA) except for the following locations where they were maintained as RA with a reduced distance of 1.5 m to the Booster and storage ring walls.

- 1) Outside the Booster walls.
- 2) The injection region (except for the 120 cm-thick concrete outer wall area).
- 3) Area extending from BL7 ratchet wall to the “I” beam located along BL10 lateral wall (located between BL7 and BL10 ratchet walls).
- 4) Area extending from room 101 up to BL6 ratchet wall.
- 5) West Pit klystrons area.

The areas described in items 3 and 4 were maintained as RA because of the high dose rates measured at these locations during the Long IONization Chamber (LION) tests that were performed during the year. Finally, area classification around the Booster (item 1) was maintained. A decision was made to review the Booster declassification after SSRL develop an engineering solution to the beam losses observed during the Booster turn-on mode. A map showing the final dose control boundaries is shown in Figure 1.

2. Dose measurement results

Integrated dose monitoring was conducted by using two groups of dosimeters. The first group of dosimeters uses moderated and bare Panasonic Thermo Luminescent Dosimeters (TLD)s around the entire areas (part of the regular SLAC area dose monitoring program, where the area TLDs are exchanged every 6 months). A total of 66 TLDs were used as area monitors. The second group uses 2 sets of Luxel event dosimeters (which use optically stimulated luminescence (OSL) technology). The 1st set was exchanged monthly and the 2nd set was exchanged quarterly. The Luxel dosimeters (were placed at 7 locations along the walls outside the Booster and 32 locations along the walls outside the storage ring (these locations overlap with some of the area monitoring locations). In addition, dosimeters were placed outside two trailers (B-288 and B-294) on the hill overlooking

SPEAR3 to monitor potential doses received by staff occupying the trailers. Figure 1 shows the location of the area monitoring dosimeters.

2.1 Area Monitors

An analysis of the area monitoring results (November 03 – July 04) around SPEAR3 showed that the highest doses associated with operation of the injector (Booster and LINAC) ~ 10 mSv were observed inside B140 which is located in the center of the Booster and also hosts the LINAC and Gun Test Facility (GTF). These locations are associated with monitoring of the continuous operation of the LINAC and GTF as well as their klystrons. On the other hand, doses in the general area of B140 were < 100 μ Sv. The TLD located in the workstation area where personnel work (SRL-7) only measured 46 μ Sv. The TLDs inside B130 showed doses ~ 100 μ Sv during the same nine-month period. Figure 2 shows a summary of the area monitoring doses.

The highest doses associated with operation of the storage ring were observed in the injection section. The dose values ranged from about 400 to 2800 μ Sv during the nine-month period. On the other hand, an examination of the TLDs located on the experimental floor showed that, in general, TLDs located near beamline ratchet walls measure higher doses than TLDs located outside lateral walls. The TLD outside BL8 ratchet wall (SRL-38) recorded a dose rate of 1910 μ Sv. On the other hand, Except for BL6 and BL10 lateral walls, all other lateral walls measured doses of < 150 μ Sv during the nine-month period. TLDs outside BL6 and BL10 lateral wall measured doses due to losses in the BL6 and BL10 wigglers, respectively. The highest doses outside the lateral walls of BL6 and BL10 were 924 and 950 μ Sv, respectively. The dose fractional contributions at these locations were 60% photons and 40% neutrons. Finally, the TLDs in B120 kitchen (2nd floor) and the SPEAR3 control room (SRL-31 and SRL-67) measured doses of 78 and 60 μ Sv during the nine-month period, respectively.

2.2 Event Monitors

For Results of 34 event monitors that were collected on December 22, 2003, showed that during the first 12 days of SPEAR3 operation (ring operation started on December 10, 2003), the highest dose values were detected in the vicinity of the injection area. The highest dose (1160 μ Sv) was measured in the injection region on the outer wall gap near the K3 kicker (SRL-60). On the experimental floor, doses > 100 μ Sv were detected on the walls close to beamlines 1, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 10. During the month of December 2003, SPEAR3 operation consisted of attempting

to bring beam down the Booster to SPEAR (BTS), injecting into SPEAR3 for the first time, and establishing accumulation in the ring. This stage required frequent injections and required significantly more electrons per day than the rest of the commissioning period. This period of commissioning has been characterized with an average injection current of 0.15 nA at the BTS Average Current Monitor # 3 (BTS-ACM3) and a maximum stored current of 20 mA.

During the month of January 2004 higher stored beam was achieved and the need for frequent injection was lessened. During this month, an average injection current of 0.2 nA at BTS-ACM3 and a maximum stored current of 100 mA were recorded. Results of the event monitors that were collected on January 27, 2004, showed that during the month of January (event monitors were placed on December 22, 2003), the highest dose values were still detected in the vicinity of the injection area. The highest photon dose (260 μSv) was measured on the outer wall gap near the K3 kicker (SRL-60). This is compared to the 1160 μSv measured during the first 12 days of commissioning. This significant drop in measured dose is most probably caused by improvement of the injection efficiency. Except for the event dosimeter attached to the lateral wall of BL6, all other event dosimeters located on the experimental floor showed photon dose rates outside the wall of $< 100 \mu\text{Sv}$. The event dosimeter (SRL-43) attached to the lateral wall of BL6 showed a photon dose rate of 170 μSv during the 35-day measurement period. During the first 12 days of SPEAR3 operation, a photon dose of 50 μSv was detected at the same location.

During the month of February 2004, the dose values measured were very much similar to the dose values detected during the previous month. This is an indication that the amount of losses and level of injection frequencies have leveled off. During this period, an average injection current of 0.2 nA (maximum of 0.38 nA) at BTS-ACM3 and a maximum stored current of 100 mA were recorded. Starting early March 2004, the beam was delivered to the SSRL users and stable beam operation was clearly achieved. The dose values during the months of March, April and May were mostly similar and showed that photon dose rates on the experimental floor were $< 50 \mu\text{Sv}$ during each month. These values are within the threshold limit for photons measurement by Luxel dosimeters.

In addition to the use of monthly dosimeters, quarterly dosimeters were placed during the commissioning period. The dose values measured during the first and second quarter were somewhat similar. Except for the injection region, all quarterly dosimeters measured values around the storage ring $< 350 \mu\text{Sv}$. The quarterly dosimeter located outside the ring wall near the K3 kicker continually measured $> 1 \text{ mSv}$. Figure 2 shows a summary of the event monitoring doses.

2.3 *BF₃/GM Stations*

The Continuous active dose monitoring of the SPEAR3 ring was provided by the use of 7 BF₃/GM stations. As shown in Figure 3, these fixed BF₃/GM stations were located at the following locations:

- 1) Outside B140 (south arc).
- 2) Trailer 288.
- 3) Building120 kitchen.
- 4) BL2 Lateral wall.
- 5) BL7 ratchet wall/BL10 lateral wall.
- 6) BL6 lateral wall.
- 7) BL11 Lateral wall.
- 8) 1st floor of Building130.

Table 1 shows the average dose rate values detected by the different stations during the period of 12/03 to 4/04. At the start of commissioning, a station located outside B140 south arc was used to monitor the Booster and then was later moved to different locations around the storage ring at different times during the commissioning period. The station outside B140 showed an average dose rate of about 5 μ Sv/h during the month of December.

As shown in Figures 4 and 5, the maximum dose rates during Booster turn-on mode (ejection septum off) were about 20 and 2 μ Sv/h for photons and neutrons, respectively. With the start of the users run in March, the stations were gradually moved one by one from their initial locations to be used in the beamline commissioning surveys. As previously shown from the event dosimeter results, the radiation environment outside the ring became stable from the beginning of March and the dose rate values were somewhat constant. As shown in Table 1, except for BL6 and BL10 stations, the dose rates measured at all locations were < 0.5 μ Sv/h. Most of the dose was seen during the periods of beam injection to the storage ring which were more frequent in December and January. Other than during injection, dose rates due to stored beam are very close to background values. The higher dose rates in the vicinity of BL6 and BL10 are most probably due to the beam losses in the BL6 and BL10 wigglers, respectively

2.4 *BSOICs Monitoring*

Continuing active monitoring by the 26 Beam Shut Off Ion Chambers (BSOIC)s placed around the Booster and storage ring provided large amount of information about beam losses around the SPEAR3 ring. Figure 3 shows the location of the BSOICs. BSOICs placed along the ring side walls were set to trip at 100 $\mu\text{Sv/h}$. On the other hand, BSOICs located on the SPEAR3 ring roof were set to trip at 1 mSv/h. The SSRL data collection system recorded average dose rate values every 2 minutes. During the early part of the commissioning period, December and early January, five BSOICs (S9, S13, S16, S20 and S26) regularly recorded dose rates that were 20-30 $\mu\text{Sv/h}$ above background (from internal source). These dose rate values were detected during a period when the average injection power was 0.3 W.

However, with the end of the early period of frequent injection and high beam losses, all BSOICs showed dose rates $< 10 \mu\text{Sv/h}$ above the internal source background signal. Except for infrequent BSOICs trips due to stored beam loss (millisecond type of event), dose rates measured by the BSOICs remained at the same level for the duration of the commissioning period. This shows that the SPEAR3 ring has achieved its goal of good beam accumulation with limited losses. Figures 6 and 7 show the dose rates measured by the S13 BSOIC during the early period of commissioning (12/10/03 – 1/15/04) and during the users run (3/6/04 – 3/19/04), respectively. While the S13 BSOIC was clearly showing dose rate levels of 20-30 $\mu\text{Sv/h}$ (shown on figure as 2-3 mrem/h) for extended period of times, the dose rate measured by the BSOIC during the users run continually stayed below 10 $\mu\text{Sv/h}$ (shown on figure as 1 mrem/h) above the internal source.

2.5 *Commissioning Survey*

The SSRL allocated beam time exclusively to perform radiation measurements under various beam steering conditions. In case of the Booster, only one survey was performed when the ejection kicker was off (Booster turn-on mode). Beam injected into the Booster at 120 MeV and was allowed to accelerate to 3 GeV and then decelerate and lost without ejecting it into the BTS. Booster conditions during the survey indicated an approximate beam power of about 0.5 W. The maximum dose rates were observed in the south arc area. The maximum dose rates were 25, 40 and 164 $\mu\text{Sv/h}$ on the outer side, inner side and roof of the Booster ring, respectively. These values would be an order of magnitude higher for the maximum possible 3 GeV beam power of 5.85 W.

In the case of the storage ring, surveys were performed under several beam conditions. A summary of the different beam conditions that were analyzed during these surveys are shown in Table 2. These surveys consisted of creating beam losses that may occur during the ring operation due to failure of hardware or software. The results show that losses due to failure of horizontal or vertical magnets, septum or the 4 screens in the BTS produce their highest doses rates in the injection region. Dose rates measured outside the inner wall were $< 40 \mu\text{Sv/h}$ for 0.3 W of injected power. Dose rates outside the outer wall and on the roof were < 20 and $70 \mu\text{Sv/h}$, respectively. These results indicate that for future SPEAR3 operation, a 4 W injection would produce dose rates that are less than 500, 300 and $1100 \mu\text{Sv/h}$ outside the inner wall, outer wall and the roof, respectively.

On the other hand, turning the K3 kicker off or turning the rf off produced the highest dose rates on the experimental floor near BL6 and BL7. In these two cases, a 4 W loss will produce dose rates of less than $200 \mu\text{Sv/h}$ outside the ring and $< 2 \text{ mSv}$ on the roof. Reducing the dipole field to 95% of its nominal strength produced a dose rate of $33 \mu\text{Sv/h}$ outside the outer wall on the experimental floor. Finally reducing the dipole field to 99% of its nominal strength produced the highest dose rates measured during the commissioning. A 0.3 W injected beam loss produced a dose rate of $312 \mu\text{Sv/h}$ on the roof. This is equivalent to a dose rate of 4.16 mSv/h in case of a 4 W loss (maximum allowed during future SPEAR3 operation). In case of a 4 W loss, the dose rate values at all locations will not exceed the design limits of 4 and 15 mSv/h for mis-steering beam outside the side walls and on the roof of the ring, respectively.

2.6 *LION Test Survey*

The use of Long IONization Chamber (LION) cables in SPEAR3 ring is required prior to allowing for increasing the injection power from 1.5 W to 4 W. Several LION tests were performed during the commissioning year to select the optimum location and setting of each of the proposed 4 LION cables (one per quadrant). Normal beam losses and beam dumps were measured in each quadrant by using temporary LION cables. During testing of a LION cable installed in quadrant 3, the injected beam was mis-steered at 11S (BL6). Measurements of mis-steered beam outside the lateral wall of BL6 showed a photon dose rate of $200 \mu\text{Sv/h}$ for an estimated beam loss of 1 W. Calculation for a similar power loss at a point resulted in a photon dose rate of $640 \mu\text{Sv/h}$ outside a lateral wall facing an aperture (Khater et al., 2003). Based on results obtained by measurements using BF_3/GM stations as well as calculations showed that the neutrons dose is about $2/3$ the photon dose.

A loss of 1.5 W at a point would result in the measurement of 300 $\mu\text{Sv/h}$ of photon dose vs. a calculated value of 950 $\mu\text{Sv/h}$. The factor of three differences in the measured and calculated doses is probably because losses may have occurred in the form of a line source rather than a point source.

2.7 *Routine Surveys*

During the commissioning year, two types of routine radiation surveys took place. Prompt radiation and residual induced activity surveys were performed at varying frequencies depending on SPEAR3 running conditions. The prompt radiation surveys were performed during Booster operation as well as during SPEAR3 injection and covered the inner and outer walls of the Booster, 1st and 2nd floors of B131 (experimental floor building) as well as the kitchen area in B120. All locations around Booster and ring showed photon dose rates < 10 $\mu\text{Sv/h}$ and neutron dose rates < 5 $\mu\text{Sv/h}$.

During the early period of Booster commissioning (12/1/03 – 12/20/03), induced activity surveys showed that contact dose rate near the injection septum was 3 $\mu\text{Sv/h}$. Lower dose rates were also measured at different locations. In the BTS line, the stoppers, B-1 magnet, B-5 magnet and ejection septum showed dose rates of 2, 1, 1 and 0.8 $\mu\text{Sv/h}$, respectively. All other locations showed dose rates < 0.2 $\mu\text{Sv/h}$. Except for the ejection septum, surveys throughout the rest of the commissioning period showed dose rates in the injection and BTS regions < 1 $\mu\text{Sv/h}$. The ejection septum showed a maximum dose rate of 3.5 $\mu\text{Sv/h}$.

During the early period of storage ring commissioning (12/10/03 – 1/15/04), induced activity surveys showed that contact dose rate near the septum was 1 $\mu\text{Sv/h}$. BL6, BL9 and BL11 insertion devices showed contact dose rates of 0.3 $\mu\text{Sv/h}$. All other locations showed dose rates < 0.2 $\mu\text{Sv/h}$. During the following month (1/15/04 – 2/15/04), the septum, K3 kicker and Beam Abort Dump (BAD) areas showed contact dose rate of < 4 $\mu\text{Sv/h}$. On the other hand, BL6 insertion device showed a dose rate of 2 $\mu\text{Sv/h}$. All other location remained at < 0.2 $\mu\text{Sv/h}$. Surveys through out the rest of the commissioning period showed dose rates in the injection region < 0.4 $\mu\text{Sv/h}$ and dose rates everywhere else < 0.2 $\mu\text{Sv/h}$.

2.8 *Personnel Dosimeter Results*

Reviewing of personnel dosimeters showed that during the 1st quarter of 2004 a total of 186 Luxel dosimeters were issued to staff and users. Examination of the records showed that none of these dosimeters showed any dose.

Summary

Using a combination of a dose control plan and several types of passive, active and special dose measurements allowed for the successful monitoring of the dose environment outside the SPEAR3 Booster and storage ring during the different stages of SPEAR3 commissioning. Monthly monitoring of the dose environment through the use of the passive event monitors as well as the continuous monitoring through the use of BF₃/GM stations and BSOICs provided valuable information that were used to gradually relax the dose control requirements according to the change in operation conditions. Results from event and area monitors confirmed that the maximum monthly dose detected outside the lateral wall on the experimental floor is in the order of 100-150 μ Sv. These values were only detected in the vicinity of BL6 and BL10. In the mean time the results also confirmed that most locations in B140, B130 and B120 experimental floor showed monthly dose of only about 10-20 μ Sv. Since work area of personnel and users is usually located at several feet from the lateral wall, it is estimated that on average personnel and users were exposed to less than 100 μ Sv/1000 h during the commissioning year

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Figure Captions

Figure 1. Map showing the final boundary of the RA area. (RA-purple, RCA-yellow, non RCA-white). Numbers on the map show the area monitoring locations.

Figure 2. Map showing the dose values (μSv) during the first 2 quarters of 2004. Area dose “in black” and event dose “in red”.

Figure 3. . Locations of BSOICs and BF_3 stations.

Figure 4. Photon dose rates outside B140 (south arc) during early commissioning period (December 2003).

Figure 5. Neutron dose rates outside B140 (south arc) during early commissioning period (December 2003).

Figure 6. Neutron BSOIC S13 reading during early commissioning (12/10/03 – 1/25/04).

Figure 7. BSOIC S13 reading during late commissioning (3/6/04 – 3/13/04).

Table 1. Average Dose Rates ($\mu\text{Sv/h}$) Measured by Different BF_3/GM Stations.

Location	12/03	1/04	2/04	3/04
B-140	5	---	---	---
B-288	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1
B-120 Kitchen	0.3	0.1	0.1	---
BL2 Lateral Wall	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.1
BL6 Lateral Wall	---	---	5	3
BL7 Ratchet Wall/ BL10 Lateral Wall	0.3	0.4	5	2
BL11 Lateral Wall	---	0.1	0.8	0.4
1st Floor B-130	---	0.05	---	---

Table 2. Beam Conditions during the SPEAR3 Ring Commissioning Surveys.

Type of Survey (@ $P_{inj} = 0.3$ W)	Region of Maximum Dose	Maximum Dose Rate ($\mu\text{Sv/h}$)		
		Inner Wall	Outer Wall	Roof
B7H magnet off	Injection region	9	5	68
B7H magnet @ max.	Injection region	11	3	67
B8V magnet off	Injection region	11	3	30
B8V magnet @ max.	Injection region	10	4	9
PR1 screen in	Injection region	6	5	4
PR2 screen in	Injection region	18	6	6
PR3 screen in	Injection region	13.5	9	7
PR4 screen in	Injection region	4	14	5
Septum off	Injection region	39	0.5	2
Septum max.	Injection region	37	21	3
K3 kicker off	Exp. Floor (BL6)	13	10	143
K3 kicker @ $\frac{1}{2}$ field	Ring Stoppers	6	14	<5
Dipoles @ 99% field	Exp. Floor (BL1 & BL6)	2.5	14	312
Dipoles @ 95% field	Exp. Floor (SLM & BL5)	6	33	58
rf off	Exp. Floor (BL6 & BL7)	0.6	0.8	13.7











